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1. (currently amended) A computer readable medium bearing logic executable by a computer

for:

receiving, from the user, a unique identifier, the unique identifier comprising both a sequence

of keystrokes and the inter-keystroke intervals associated with provision of those keystrokes;

comparing the unique identifier received from the user with a reference unique identifier by:

comparing the sequence with a sequence from the reference unique identifier to render

a sequence comparison;

comparing at least one absolute inter-keystroke interval of the unique identifier with

a respective absolute inter-keystroke interval of the reference unique identifier to render an

absolute comparison and returning a true indication if the absolute inter-keystroke interval of

the unique identifier is within a predetermined tolerance of the absolute inter-keystroke

interval of the reference identifier;

comparing at least one relative inter-keystroke interval of the unique identifier, the

relative inter-keystroke interval being a ratio of an absolute inter-keystroke interval in the

unique identifier to a predetermined absolute inter-keystroke interval in the unique identifier,

with a respective reference relative inter-keystroke interval of the reference unique identifier,

the reference relative inter-keystroke interval being a ratio of an absolute inter-keystroke

interval in the reference unique identifier to a predetermined absolute inter-keystroke interval

in the reference unique identifier, to render a relative comparison and returning a true

indication if the relative inter-keystroke interval of the unique identifier is within a

predetermined tolerance of the relative inter-keystroke interval of the reference identifier; and

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authenticating said user if the sequence comparison, the absolute comparison, and said relative comparison all return a true indication, wherein said predetermined tolerance is explicitly provided by a user.

- (canceled).
- 3. (previously presented) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of entry by the user of the reference unique identifier and wherein said predetermined tolerance is determined during said step of entry by the user of the reference unique identifier.
- 4. (canceled).
- 5. (previously presented) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the unique identifier is provided by directly by the user.
 - 6-10. (canceled).

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